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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: STRIKES IN SPANISH SUBSIDIARIES OF U.S.
COMPANIES

1. DURING A CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS, FOREIGN MINISTER ARIELZA MENTIONED TO ME SOME CONCERN OVER CONTINUING STRIKES AT CHRYSLER AND ITT (STANDARD ELECTRICA) SUBSIDIARIES. HE NOTED THAT THEIR VISIBILITY IS HIGH BECAUSE THEY ARE LARGE AND U.S. OWNED AND HE THOUGHT THAT BOTH HAD BEEN TAKING A HARD-LINE ATTITUDE TOWARD THEIR WORKERS' DEMANDS.

2. WHILE I THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AND PROBABLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR USG TO INTERVENE IN ANY WAY IN THIS SITUATION, I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT U.S. PRINCIPALS OF THESE FIRMS TO INSURE THAT THEY ARE FOLLOWING SITUATION IN THEIR SPANISH SUBSIDIARIES WITH CLOSE ATTENTION. THESE STRIKES DO HOLD A POTENTIAL FOR AROUSING AND FOCUSSING ANTI-U.S. SENTIMENT WHICH WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO U.S. GOVERNMENT'S AND COMPANYS' INTERESTS.
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